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Memo

Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities

Date: October 1, 2007

To: RI Asbestos Abatement Contractors/Training Providers

From: Alfred J. Cabral, Supervising Industrial Hygienist, Asbestos Program

Re: Regulatory Action Regarding Environmental Compliance Training, Methuen MA

In a recent federal indictment, the owner and one employee of Environmental Compliance Training, 2 Charles Street, Methuen MA, were charged with falsely reporting that certain individuals had received asbestos training from ECT when, in fact, these individuals had not been trained. In the indictment, ECT is alleged to have issued training certificates to individuals who did not attend training courses and/or pass required tests. Therefore, the validity of all ECT issued asbestos training certificates is in question.

Today, in the interest of public health, the Rhode Island Department of Health has taken the following action in response to the above case.

Effective immediately, asbestos training certificates issued by Environmental Compliance Training will not be recognized by the RI Asbestos Control Program for licensing purposes for either initial or renewal of asbestos site-supervisor or worker licenses, regardless of the training certificate expiration date. All applicants for asbestos site-supervisor and worker licenses must present a current training certificate from an accredited asbestos training provider in order to receive a license.

Individuals who hold a current Rhode Island asbestos site-supervisor or worker license, and their most recent training certificate was issued by Environmental Compliance Training, must attend an accredited refresher course by January 1, 2008 or action will be initiated to revoke their license. These individuals will not be required to re-apply for their license until the expiration date, but a copy of the new refresher-training certificate must be forwarded to this Office, as well as maintained with the employees training records held by the contractor.

It is requested that all RI asbestos abatement contractors review the training records for their employees to determine if an additional refresher course is required. We will be reviewing training records during the course of routine regulatory inspections performed by this Agency, and informing you of individuals to whom this procedure applies. Our licensing program is available to assist you by reviewing individual licensing records to determine if one of your employee's most recent training was through ECT.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or if we can be of any assistance, please contact us at (401) 222-3601, or by email at Alfred.Cabral@health.ri.gov